

APPROVED: Meeting No. 37-97

ATTEST: *Paula Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 32-97

July 21, 1997

The Mayor and Council convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on July 14, 1997, at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Glennon J. Harrison

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

ABSENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow
(On travel)

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Upon motion of Councilmember Marrinan, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Councilmember Harrison was selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Re: Public Hearing - Text
Amendment Application TXT97-
0158, Joseph A. Lynott, Esquire
for Washington Real Estate
Investment Trust, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing to take citizens comments on a Text Amendment Application proposal for a new methodology for calculating the number of parking spaces required for multiple-use buildings in the TCM-2 Zone. The

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Mayor and Council heard from four persons, including the testimony of staff and the applicant, whose testimony can be found in the official stenographic transcript.

There being no other persons wishing to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Harrison declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:13 p.m. and noted that the record on the matter would be kept open until close of business on August 1, 1997.

Re: Public Hearing - Text
Amendment Application TXT97-
0161, Stephen J. Orens, Esq.,
for Medical Center Development
Corporation, Inc., Applicant.

The Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing to take citizens comments on a Text Amendment Application to amend Division 7 of Article XII, Comprehensive Planned Development (CPD) procedures, to allow development of small tracts within an area recommended for CPD in the Master Plan. The Mayor and Council heard from two persons, which included the testimony of staff and the applicant, whose testimony can be found in the official stenographic transcript.

There being no other persons wishing to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Harrison declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:27 p.m. and noted that the record on the matter would be kept open until close of business on August 1, 1997.

Re: Public Hearing - Text
Amendment Application TXT97-
0162, Stephen J. Orens, Esq.,
for Medical Center Development
Corporation, Applicant.

The Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing to take citizens comments on a Text Amendment Application to amend Section 25-395 (9) of the Zoning Ordinance to

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change the requirement for the number of parking spaces required for medical and dental clinics. The Mayor and Council heard from four persons, which included the testimony of staff and the applicant, whose testimony can be found in the official stenographic transcript.

There being no other persons wishing to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Harrison declared the Public Hearing closed at 9:00 p.m. and noted that the record on the matter would be kept open until close of business on August 1, 1997.

Re: Public Hearing - Text
Amendment Application TXT97-
0163, Rockville Center, Inc.,
Applicant.

The Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing to take citizens comments on a Text Amendment Application to modify the parking requirements of Sections 25-395 and 25-693 to allow reductions based on non-overlapping peak parking needs and other modifications of parking requirements associated with a Preliminary Development Plan (PDP) application. The Mayor and Council heard from three persons, which included the testimony of staff and the applicant, whose testimony can be found in the official stenographic transcript.

There being no other persons wishing to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Harrison declared the Public Hearing closed at 9:40 p.m. and noted that the record on the matter would be kept open until close of business on August 1, 1997.

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Re: Citizens Forum - This time is set aside to hear from any citizen who wishes to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Gloria Atlas, 1123 Halesworth Drive, President of the Orchard Ridge Civic Association and Co-Chairperson of the Rockville Public Safety Coalition, thanked the Mayor and Council, the planning staff and the Planning Commission for its efforts on behalf of the neighborhood regarding the Central Processing Unit at the Montgomery County Detention Center. She expressed her desire that all the parties involved would be able to arrive at a solution that is workable for everyone.

2. Roger Gruel, 5703 Crawford Drive, commented on the recently adopted Pedestrian Policy and expressed his concerns regarding the dangerous situation involving pedestrian traffic at the intersection of Veirs Mill Road and Atlantic Avenue.

Mayor Pro Tem Harrison inquired whether the City may undertake a study on its own and implement measures even though Veirs Mill Road is a state highway. City Manager Kuckkahn replied that the City's traffic engineer, along with the State, would make every effort to study the area and do what is necessary to correct the problem.

Re: Correspondence

1. Councilmember Wright thanked Gloria Atlas and Nancy Schoenfeld for their work over the years on the Detention Center issue. He said that the citizens did an excellent job at the public hearing to convince the Planning Commission that the options the County proposed were absolutely not viable.

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2. Councilmember Marrinan said that the Central Processing Unit does not belong in a residential area and that the Planning Commission did the right thing for the right reasons.

City Manager Kuckkahn mentioned that the City and County will need to work together in a combination of both executive session and open meetings due to the variety of issues that will impact both forums of discussion.

3. Mayor Pro Tem Harrison reiterated earlier remarks; that the Planning Commission did make the right decision and the testimony by the citizens was quite compelling. He thanked Mrs. Atlas and Mrs. Schoenfeld for their hard work and said that the Planning Commission's decision validates their position.

Re: New Business

There being no persons wishing to speak under "New Business," Mayor Pro Tem Harrison declared this portion of the meeting closed.

Re: Adjourn to Executive Session

Upon motion of Councilmember Wright, duly seconded and unanimously passed, with Mayor Pro Tem Harrison and Councilmembers Dorsey, Marrinan and Wright voting "aye," the Mayor and Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:55 p.m., pursuant to Section 10-508(a)(1)(ii) of the State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, to discuss a personnel matter.